Sri K. H. SRINIVASA.—I move that this matter be referred to the Privileges Committee.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಪ್ರಿವಿಲೇಜು ಕಮಿಟಿಗೆ ರೆಫರು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಂದು ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಅಸಾಧಾರಣವಾದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯವೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡರು ಅವರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಈಗ ಪ್ರಿವಿಲೇಜು ಕಮಿಟಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸುವ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಬೇಕು. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆಯವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ವಿತ್‌ಡ್ರಾ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall put the motion to the House.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Sir, there is a suggestion from the Hon. Member Sri H. B. Jwalaniah.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಇಷ್ಟು ಅವಸರವಾಗಿ ಏಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಇದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ವಿತ್‌ಡ್ರಾ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತಾವು ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಿ.

Sri B. BHASKAR SHETTY.—I request the Chair to take up this tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Please read rule 181.

I shall give five minutes. In the meanwhile, we shall take up the next item.

Sri K. H. SRINIVASA.—I am on a point of order. I have moved the motion that this be referred to the Privileges Committee. Under the Rules of Procedure my motion should be given precedence.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—The Chair is pleased to give some time. I request all those members who are trying to pursuade the Hon. Member to go outside to pursuade him.

Calling Attention to matters of Urgent Public Importance

(*i*) *re* : Cholera Epidemic in Hubli-Dharwar Area

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the Attention of the Minister for Health to the Cholera epidemic in Hubli Dharwar Area.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs).—Sir in reply to this calling attention notice. there were 11 attacks and 6 deaths due to cholera and 192 attacks and 10 deaths due to Gastroenteritis in Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation from 14-7-1969 to 18-8-1969 as per reports received from the Medica Officer of Health, Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation.

The last case of cholera was reported on 11-8-1969 and the last death due to cholera was reported on 5-8-1969.

(SRI K. PUTTASWAMY)

As regards preventive measures undertaken there, 84,477 anti-cholera inoculations were performed and 1,735 houses were disinfected and the cases were treated in Karnatak Medical College Hospital and other dispensaries.

As regards the rural areas of Dharwar district, 6 villages in 5 taluks of Dharwar district were infected by cholera. There were 19 attacks and 10 deaths due to cholera. The last attack and last death reported occurred on 12-8-1969. 9,779 anti-cholera inoculations have been carried out.

All the necessary preventive measures have been undertaken and are being continued. All the Medical Officers of Health and the Para Medical personnel have been instructed to keep a vigilant watch on the occurrence of the cases and to take immediate preventive measures.

(*ii*) *re*: Srlae by Workers of the Gokak Mills Limited

SRI L. S. NAIK (Gokak).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs to the strike by the workers of the Gokak Mills Limited from 16-1-1969.

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—The Hon'ble Member wishes to call my attention to the strike by the labourers of Gokak Mills Limited. Gokak Falls, Belgaum District from 16-8-1969.

For the year 1968, the management declared a bonus of 4 per cent and had also made arrangements to disburse the same. In addition to this normal bonus (which was at the minimum rate required by law) the management also declared an *Ex-Gratia* Bonus equivalent to 1/12th of the basic wages to all workers in connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Mills. It is pertinent to note that the normal bonus is based on calculations prescribed by the Payment of Bonus Act itself, subject however, to a minimum of 4 per cent and a maximum of 20 per cent. It may be stated also that the management had supplied copies of the Balance Sheet for the year 1968 and made available details of calculation of bonus for that year-to all the registered Trade Unions connected with the Mill.

The workers, however, alleged that the Company's profits for the year 1968 were Rs. 89 lakhs, and dissatisfied with the quantum of bonus declared, they resorted to a lightning stay-in-strike from 4-30 P.M. on 16-8-1969. The Gokak Girani Rastria Mazdoor Sangh and the Girani Rashtria Kamgar Sangh had approached the Conciliation Officer in this behalf demanding 20 per cent bonus for the year 1968.

There are 5 registered Trade Unions connected with the Mills. Sri A. H. Desai who is reported to have sponsored the strike is the President of the now defunct Textile Labour Union. In Addition to

the demand of 20 per cent bonus, Sri Desai also urged for immediate settlement of the dispute regarding Dearness Allowance which has been remanded to the Industrial Tribunal by the High Court of Mysore.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner, Belgaum Division, Hubli took up the matter in conciliation. The Trade Union representative informed him that they had not sponsored the strike and expressed their inability to persuade the workers to call of the strike, as the workers were not prepared to do so, unless the management agree to pay more bonus for 1968. The conciliation proceedings, therefore, ended in failure and a report to this effect was submitted by the Commissioner of Labour.

During my visit to Belgaum on 30th August 1969, I also discussed this matter with the management and the representatives of the Trade Unions and tried to settle the matter amicably. I regret to state that my efforts did not yield any fruit.

It would not be desirable to allow the present situation to continue any further, as it would expose the management to further heavy financial losses; deprive the country of foreign exchange earnings; and also badly affect the workmen themselves, in so far as they would stand to lose the wages for the period for which they have stayed away from work.

After making a careful assessments of the situation and taking all aspects of the matter into consideration, Government have issued orders to-day (1) referring the dispute to adjudication under Section 10 (1) of the Industrial Dispute Act and (2) prohibiting the continuance of the strike under Section 10 (3) of the Act.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಸ್ಪಾಮಿ, ಮೊದಲನೆಯದಾಗಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೇ ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯ ಕೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. 16-8-1968ರಿಂದ ಈ ತಿಂಗಳ ಕೊನೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಕೂಡ ಒಂದು ಮುಷ್ಕರವನ್ನೂ ನಹ ನಡೆನುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚೆಯೇ ನಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾಲೀಕರನ್ನೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕರೆನಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಾ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ! ಇದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಧೋರಣೆಗೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಎರಡನೆಯದಾಗಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣಾರ್ಹವಾದ ವಿಷಯು ಏನೆಂದರೆ ಈ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ Sri Desai is the President of the now defunct Labour Union ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಂದರೆ ಒಂದು ಕಡೆ ದೇಸಾಯಿ ಅವರು ಈ ಕೃಪಾಸಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಕಡೆ ಅವರ ಮಾತನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿ ಮುಷ್ಕರ ಹೂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೀಗಾದರೆ defunct ಆಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನಾಧ್ಯ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಯೂನಿಯನ್ ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಷನ್ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸಲ್ ಆಗಿರಬೇಕು. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ defunct ಅನ್ನುವ ಪದ ಹೇಳಿರುವುದು ನರಿಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳ ಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—The registration has been cancelled. In my statement I have made it very clear that it was a lighting strike and nobody knew about it. So, there was no question of Government trying to know whether there was a strike brewing and sending for the Concerned.